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July 20, 2005

Ms. Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board; Environmental Analysis Section
Washington, DC 20590

Via FAX: 202-565-9000

Re: McCloud Railway Company - Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption, Siskiyou, Shasta, and Modoc Counties

Dear Ms. Glidden:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned proposed project. The Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File for the project area, which indicated the strong possibility that there may be Native American cultural resources along the proposed project route.

Early consultation with tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. Please contact all those listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information, they may be able to recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If you have not received a response within two weeks' time, we recommend that you follow-up with a telephone call to make sure that the information was received.

Lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources does not preclude the existence of archaeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the CEQA Guidelines, when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Provisions should also be included for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §15064.5 (f). Health and Safety Code §7050.5; and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandate the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery and should be included in all environmental documents. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely.

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